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In re Patent Application of:  
Skene et al.

Application No.: 09/459,815

Art Unit: 2739

Filed: December 13, 1999

Examiner: April L. Baugh

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BALANCING  
LOAD DISTRIBUTION ON A WIDE AREA  
NETWORK

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

**UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

MAIL STOP RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is an amendment in response to a final Office Action mailed on June 16, 2003, for the above-identified application. Accompanying this amendment is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. In the subject application, please amend and reconsider the application in view of the remarks that follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

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